crores has been earmarked for improvement of water ways to make them useful for inland navigation.

States opting out of scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas

*296. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain States have opted out of the Scheme for Navodaya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Although no State has opted out of the Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas, State Governments of Assam, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have not made any proposals so far regarding location of Navodaya Vidyalayas in their States. The Government of West Bengal has conveyed that they will take a final decision in this regard after discussion with representatives of the Central Government. The Governments of Assam and Tamil Nadu have expressed reservation regarding the medium of instruction in the Navodaya Vidyalayas. The Government of Tamil Nadu has also conveyed a difference of opinion regarding migration of children from one region to another.

Flight by Supersonic Aircraft, "Concorde"

*298. SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Supersonic Aircraft "Concorde" made a flight to New Delhi recently; if so, what was the purpose of this flight;

(b) whether there is any proposal to allow regular commercial flights of this aircraft to India; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to commence and how it is likely to affect the business of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SRRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. It was a round-the-world tourist charter flight of Air France.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

State of National Highways

*299. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that National Highways are in a bad shape at many places in the country;

(b) whether it is mainly attributable to paucity of maintenance funds; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide more funds for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) National Highways are generally in a traffic worthy condition though due to inadequate allocations, there have been adverse effects on maintenance of National Highways. Efforts are made every year to get the allocations enhanced and within constraints of overall resources, allocations are being enhanced from year to year but not to the full extent because of resource constraint.

हिन्दी विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना के लिये केन्द्रीय समिति की रिपोर्ट

*300. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिन्दी विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना की सम्भावनाओं का पता लगाने के लिए नियुक्त केन्द्रीय समिति की गत वर्ष कितनी बैठकें हुईं ; और

(ख) क्या इस समिति ने कोई रिपोर्ट की है ; और यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार रिपोर्ट देने के लिए कोई अन्तिम तिथि निश्चित करने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1983 में एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हिन्दी विश्वविद्यालय अर्थात् विश्व हिन्दी विद्यापीठ की स्थापना के प्रस्ताव की जांच करने के लिए मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग द्वारा एक समिति गठित की गई थी ।

तत्पश्चात् एक विधेयक का प्रारूप तैयार करने के लिए काम प्रारम्भ किया गया। यद्यपि इस समिति की वर्ष 1986 में कोई औपचारिक बैठक नहीं हुई फिर भी विधेयक का प्रारूप तैयार करने के लिए मंत्रालय में बैठकें आयोजित की गई ।

यद्यपि रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने के लिए कोई निश्चित तारीख नहीं है, फिर भी हिन्दी विश्वविद्यालय के प्रारूप विधेयक पर विचार विमर्श करने के लिए 20-1-1987 को उक्त समिति की एक बैठक आयोजित की गई थी । अगली बैठक 19-3-1987 को होनी निश्चित हुई है । इस विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना के लिए वर्ष 1987-88 के लिए बजट प्रावधान भी कर लिया गया है ।

Celebration of birth centenary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

@2324. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to celebrate the birth centenary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in 1991 at official level;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The centenary celebrations will receive due consideration at the appropriate time, well in advance of the centenary year commencing in 1991.

(c) Does not arise.

Dangerous formulations

@@2325. SHRI THANGABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 20,000 formulations or dosage forms are unnecessary, irrational, and even dangerous combinations of two or more active ingredients; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to reduce such formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government of India had issued Notification prohibiting manufacture and sale of 26 categories of drugs/drug combinations. These categories cover approximately 20,000 formulations. A Sub-Committee of Drugs Consultative Committee, which is a statutory body under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, has been constituted to consider screening of formulations marked in the country from the angle of safety, efficacy and rationality. The screening is a continuous process.

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